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SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" In view of the fact that different opinions have been expressed on the use of Vanaspathi in the country and particularly in our State, may I know the policy of the Government in this matter. Do they want to encourage Vanaspathi or discourage it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That question does not at all arise. If the people want it and if there is demand for it, the Government would undertake that proposition. Otherwise, they will not do it."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister has stated that some Vanaspathi companies in this State have failed. I would like to know, which are those companies and whether they are situated in areas which produce large quantities of groundnut? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, but I may not be able to give a list of those companies. I can tell the hon. Member that one factory which has been built in the centre of the State where groundnut is produced, viz., Villupuram, is not able to go further."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of auctioning this factory if a private party comes and takes it up for running it."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There will be time enough for the Government to consider that suggestion. The Government are now trying to get the maximum out of it and they would explore the possibility of some enterprising businessmen taking it up on lease."

Pallikara-Periya road

* 789 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state why the construction of the Pallikara-Periya road in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara, has not yet been completed?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Of the total length of four miles of the road, a portion measuring 3 miles 7 furlongs has been formed and the formation of the remaining one furlong is held up due to land acquisition delays."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the non-formation of the road is in the middle of the total length of the road. Is it under the instruction of the Government that the work has been delayed. If not, will the Government pass orders to expedite it? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The delay is due to land acquisition. No instruction has been issued by the Government."